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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

[25] Figure 1 shows a schematic diagram illustrating a polarizing beam combiner/beam splitter ("PBC/PBS") 10. The PBC/PBS 10 may include, for example, a substrate 14 upon which is resident an anti-reflection coating (ARC) 16. Further, a second ARC 16 may be resident upon the substrate 14 below a residual layer 18. The structure may further include certain buffer layers, or stop layers, 40 to optimize performance. Nanostructures 20 and 24 including nanoclements or sub-wavelength elements 22, '22, may include multiple elements each of width W and height H. Width W may include widths from 10 to 500 nm and more specifically from 15 to 180 nm. Height H may include heights from 10 to 1000 nm, and more specifically from 30 to 500 nm.